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Agri-EPI Innovation Centre to sponsor Institution of Agricultural Engineers (IAgE) Conference

The Agri-EPI centre is sponsoring IAgE's conference 'Concepts to Cash' (#IAgEconference) which takes place on Wednesday 16 November at Harper Adams University, Shropshire.

"It is fantastic news that we have achieved major support from the Agri EPI-Centre and the Intellectual Property Office. It is clear the government's Agri-tech strategy and the new Agri-EPI Innovation Centre has put the spotlight on engineering and technological solutions to address the challenges of feeding the ever expanding global population. New partners are looking at agriculture and its associated engineering excellence as never before with an eye to developing novel approaches and fresh technologies," said Dr Robert Merrall, IAgE President.

Dave Ross, CEO of the Agri-EPI Centre says: "We are really delighted to be sponsoring this year's IAgE Conference as it is such a critical time for the industry. Our centre has been developed to drive growth and support innovative ideas to help farmers and business owners become more profitable and sustainable. This agenda is central both to the conference, and the work of the agricultural engineers, particularly at a time when we need to address yield variability and increase our output, to feed an ever increasing global population. It is only through collaboration and sharing knowledge that we can provide solutions to global problems; and IAgE is an ideal forum for doing just that."

The conference is designed to deal with the challenge of ensuring new ideas stay with the designer or inventor. It will look at ways to work with others openly and yet retain intellectual property, what challenges need to be considered and where to find funding.

Delegates will also be able to listen to experts in research and development, copyrighting, intellectual property and patents who have to deal with these issues.

David Ross Agri EPI-Centre CEO will give an update on the Centre at the conference and will be joined by Callum Murray from Innovation UK who will give an overview of the research focus and grant opportunities available.

Gary Townley from the Intellectual Property Office will be explaining the technicalities and legal essential of intellectual property and copyright.

"Whether you are a technologist or inventor, senior engineer, designer, technical specialist or student, graduate, consultant analyst, venture capitalist or just interested in innovation this conference is for you," said Alastair Taylor IAgE CEO.

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Conference Rates:

Delegate rate is £120 + vat, early bird booking is £100 + vat, student rate of £20 + vat and retired rate is £75 + vat.

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